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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS DURING MARCH

Approximately 6,241,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during March at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in February--amounting to 5,876,000 pounds--this represents an increase of 365,000 pounds. Receipts for March of this year exceed those of March 1940 by 1,202,000 pounds. Receipts for the first three months of 1941 now amount to 17,605,000 pounds--an increase of 3,259,000 pounds, or 23 per cent, over the total of 14,346,000 pounds for the same three months in 1940.

During March 1941, 74 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water--from 25 States, Alaska, and 6 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,467,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 2,273,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 501,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,541,000 pounds of the total March receipts; 2,701,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest

from Manitoba, which sent in 1,315,000 pounds, mostly frozen and fresh sauger. Next largest import--1,074,000 pounds, mostly frozen halibut--came from British Columbia; of this total 957,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during March were fresh and frozen sauger (1,088,000 pounds); fresh and frozen lake trout (443,000 pounds); smelt (402,000 pounds); buffalofish (256,000 pounds); fresh and frozen whitefish (224,000 pounds); carp (223,000 pounds); lake herring (188,000 pounds); fresh and frozen yellow perch (166,000 pounds); and fresh and frozen yellow pike (144,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species were frozen halibut (861,000 pounds); frozen silver salmon (319,000 pounds); and frozen rosefish fillets, also with 319,000 pounds.

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 148,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 129,000 pounds of frozen and fresh shrimp; 76,000 pounds of shell oysters; 51,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; 26,000 pounds of lobsters; 18,000 pounds of frog legs; and 11,000 pounds of frozen squid.

Wisconsin (903,000 pounds); Massachusetts (680,000 pounds); Michigan (368,000 pounds); and Minnesota (364,000 pounds), were the leading States sending in fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 3,047,000 pounds of fish and shellfish were delivered to Chicago by freight; 2,303,000 by truck; and the remainder of 892,000 pounds by express.

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